

teaching as queried after? If we believe our principles correct, would we not wish our children, and *all* who attend our First-day Schools, to be well instructed in them; to be well grounded in our faith? Not with the intent of proselyting in order to gain more members, desirable as that might be, but as our "peculiar and essential principle" is to "mind the Light" as manifested in us, and to listen to the inspeaking Word of God by every individual who is willing to hearken thereto; this can be taught to every one who attends Friends' First-day School, be he Friend, Methodist, Presbyterian, or of any other society, or a member of none, without interfering with the peculiar tenets of any Church whatever. We do not pretend to impart grace in these teachings; *that* must come from a higher than *human* source; but we *do* claim that the heart is more susceptible to the operations of the Spirit of God, when under the influence of these "peculiar" views, is in a more receptive condition toward the teaching of any religious truth, therefore, we reiterate the statement that "the principles peculiar to our Society, and which we believe essential, *should* be taught in *Friends'* First-day Schools."

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### IMPORTANT MEETINGS

OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
UNION FOR PHILANTHROPIC  
LABOR.

Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Union for Philanthropic Labor were held in Baltimore at the time of the recent Yearly Meetings. There were twenty-three members present, representing five of the Yearly Meetings. Letters from twelve members who were unable to attend were received.

A resolution referred from last meeting (at Chappaqua), recommend-

ing that State legislatures be requested to enact laws placing the power to pardon criminals with a "Board of Pardons" was considered. It was, however, deemed impracticable, and was laid over.

The proposed new query, "What practical Christian work is conducted by the Monthly Meeting?" received consideration, and was referred to a Committee of ten members, who are to report to a future meeting.

It was decided to request the Philanthropic Committee in each Yearly Meeting to pay its respective portion of the express charges for sending out the proceedings of the late Conference. There remain 400 copies of the report in the hands of the Treasurer, Robt. M. Janney, that can be called for as needed.

An address from Indiana Yearly Meeting on the subject of military training, in institutions of learning was presented, and the earnest discussion that followed gave evidence of deep interest. The subject was referred to the following Committee: Phoebe C. Wright, Frances M. Robinson, Bernard T. Janney, Aaron M. Powell, and Robert M. Janney, who are to co-operate with the Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration, and report their action.

A letter from Abby D. Monroe was read, requesting that Friends increase their contribution, so as to enable her to enlarge the scope of her work in educating the colored children of the South.

A minute on this subject was adopted, and the Chairman directed to forward a copy of it to the Chairman of the Philanthropic Committee in each Yearly Meeting for presentation in Monthly Meetings.

In order to accomplish more effective work, it was directed that blanks be prepared and forwarded through the several Philanthropic Committees to all the Monthly Meetings, to be filled with the names of those especially interested in the different lines of labor under our care.